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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CHINA PICTORIAL REAPPEARS--MINUS THE ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN

1. USLO HAS JUST RECEIVED ITS COPY OF THE DECEMBER 1976 ISSUE OF CHINA PICTORIAL, THE FIRST TO APPEAR SINCE LATE LAST YEAR. THE ISSUE IS LARGELY DEVOTED TO THE MASSIVE PEKING RALLIES OF LAST OCTOBER WHICH CELEBRATED THE DOWNFALL OF THE GANG OF FOUR AND THE ELEVATION OF HUA KUO-FENG TO THE PARTY CHAIRMANSHIP.

2. THE UNSEEMLY DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF THIS ISSUE MAY BE DUE TO A STRUGGLE OVER POLITBURO MEMBER WU TEH'S SPEECH TO THE OCTOBER 24 RALLY, THE LAST OCCASION WHEN A PROMINENT LEADER CALLED PUBLICLY FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE TENG HSIAO-PING. CHINA PICTORIAL REPRINTS THE SPEECH MINUS THE OFFENDING PHRASE. THE INTRIGUING QUESTION IS WHY IT TOOK THE PERIODICAL'S EDITORS FOUR
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MONTHS TO DECIDE ON THAT SIMPLE STEP, SINCE THE ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN HAS APPARENTLY BEEN OUT OF FAVOR SINCE THE END OF LAST YEAR. ONE POSSIBILITY IS THAT WU HIMSELF HELD OUT AGAINST THE EDITING OF HIS SPEECH. AN EFFORT BY PRO-TENG ELEMENTS TO SUPPRESS THE ENTIRE SPEECH MIGHT BE ANOTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION. WHATEVER THE REASON, THE ISSUE NOW

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APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SETTLED BY GIVING WU FULL
CREDIT FOR HIS SPEECH WHILE AVOIDING ANY MENTION OF
THE TENG PROBLEM.
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